tares, in spite of repeated reminders from Gujarat Government, coming under the submergence of Sardar Sarovar in Narmada Irrigation Project near Broach District of Gujarat;

(b) how many reminders were sent by Gujarat Government for the clearance of the above land and the reasons for not giving the clearance; and

(c) whether Government are aware that more than rupees 300 crores have already been spent on the Narmada project and failure to clear the land has held up the further progress of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The proposal for diversion of 4165.91 ha. forest land in Gujarat, 6488.54 ha. in Maharashtra and 2731 ha. in Madhya Pradesh for the Sardar Sarovar Project in Bharuch district of Gujarat is under the consideration of the Central Government.

(b) No reminders were received from the Gujarat State Government. All communications received from the State Government were in response to the letters sent by the Central Government seeking essential information that was lacking.

(c) The State Government have reportedly spent an amount of Rs. 328.97 crores on the project so far. Violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has come to notice in this case. The project also involves the displacement of 9733 families. A decision under the Forest (Conservation) Act will be taken on receipt of an adequate plan for their rehabilitation. The project is also under consideration from an environmental viewpoint and a decision will be taken after the required information on related issues is furnished by the Project authorities.

Dhillon Committee's recommendations for relief measures for November '84 riot victims

1340. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the G. S. Dhillon Committee was set up by Government to recommend relief and rehabilitation measures for the November, 1984 riot victims in Delhi;

(b) whether the affected persons were called for personal hearing before the Committee, if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how many sittings of the Committee were held since its constitution and what is the number of the victims heard in person by the Committee in each of the sittings; and

(d) what are the salient features of the recommendations made by the Committee for relief and rehabilitation of the riot victims and what steps have been taken by Government to implement the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Committee was appointed to assess the relief and rehabilitation work done in respect of families which suffered in the disturbances in October-November 1984 and to suggest ways of expediting action.

(b) and (c) The Committee held a number of meetings in Delhi. The Committee had held preliminary discussions and had received representations from individuals and organisasions.

(d) A list of major recommendations is enclosed (*See* Statement below). Various Central Ministries/Departments and States/Union Territories have been addressed in this regard.

Statement

1. Uniformity in the scale of relief.

2. Relief to riot victims still returning to their places of residence.

3. Removal of bottlenecks in the disbursal of relief.

4. Specific measures to be taken by Banks in the actual disbursement of relief.

5. Settlement of claims by the insurance sector.

6. Increase in the stipend during training and provision of medical facilities to widows.

7. Rehabilitation of widows in Bokaro.

8. Raw materials on priority basis.

9. Waiving of electricity charges.

10. Waiving of road tax for vehicles destroyed/damaged.

11. Protection to tenants forcibly evicted during the disturbances.

12. Involving voluntary organisations in rehabilitation efforts.

13. Disposal of cases relating the riots.

14. Adjustment of advance tax by establishments affected by riots assessment to be completed on basis of returns already submitted.

Compensation for damage to properties business establishments in November-84 riots

1341. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of claims, if any, in which the claimants property/business establishment was not insured and was either looted or burnt in the November, 1984 riots in Delhi;

(b) how many of such claimants have been compensated by Government stating the actual amount of compensation paid as against the claim and the manner in which the amount payable was determined; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for delay in taking a decision in such cases and what steps are contemplated by Government to finalise these cases expeditiously to mitigate their hardships?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The Delhi Administration are not aware of the total number of such claims.

(b) Nil.

(c) After the riots, the Government announced ex-gratia relief only to those persons whose houses were totally, substantially or partially damaged. Instructions for paying Rs. 50,000/- or 50 per cent of the loss assessed in respect of insured property/vehicles not covered with riot clause were also issued.

1342. [*Transferred to the 9th May, 1986*]

Eligibility of Assistants belonging to SC/ST *vis-a-vis* general category assistants for promotion to the grade of Section

1343. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to proviso to modified rule 13(2) (a) of Central Secretariat Services Rules, 1962 the eligibility criteria for Assistants belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe are two viz. (i) 4 years' approved service for those Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Assistants who are senior to those general category Assistants who have rendered 8 years' approved service and are considered for promotion to the grade of Section Officer on ad-hoc basis, and (ii) 8 years approved service for those Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Assistants who are junior to those general category Assistants who have rendered 8 years'